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## MAYOR JERRY SANDERS PRESS RELEASE

### ***Mayor Sanders Appoints New Chair Katie Sullivan, and Reappoints Susan Atkins and Matthew Hervey to the Board of Library Commissioners***

**San Diego-** Mayor Sanders has reappointed Ms. Susan Atkins and Mr. Matthew Hervey to the Board of Library Commissioners, subject to City Council confirmation.

Susan Atkins is Chair and Senior Counselor of Porter Novelli Life Sciences, one of the country's most successful biotechnology public relations agencies. Ms. Atkins has been a leader in the biotechnology industry for over 20 years and was previously the Director of Communications for Genentech, Corporate Officer and Vice President of Communications at Ligand Pharmaceuticals and for Rorer Group, and Group Vice President of Ketchum Public Relations. Ms. Atkins has a long-standing commitment to civic service and while living in Philadelphia, she was involved in their city-wide adult literacy program where her appreciation for libraries and literacy work flourished. Ms. Atkins holds a B.A. in Journalism and an M.A. in Mass Communications from University of Oklahoma and an MBA from Pepperdine University. Ms. Atkins resides in Point Loma. She will be reappointed for a term expiring March 1, 2010.

Matthew Hervey earned a Bachelors degree in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley and a law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. As an attorney, he practiced for 17 years and earned his Certified Specialist degree in Family Law before becoming employed with Price Charities as their Community Development Director. He has been a long time friend of the San Diego Public Library System and an instrumental leader in strengthening the branch system. Mr. Hervey's leadership and efforts helped shape the planning for the Point Loma/Hervey and Skyline Hills Branch Libraries. He is also a fund advisor for the San Diego Foundation. Mr. Hervey resides in Point Loma. He will be reappointed for a term expiring March 1, 2010.

Further, the Mayor has appointed Katie Sullivan as the new Chair of the Board of Library Commissioners. Ms. Sullivan has served on the Board of Library Commissioners since March 2003, and currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the San Diego Public Library Foundation. She has been actively involved in the volunteer community of San Diego for the past 20 years. Her library affiliations include the presidency of the Scripps Ranch Friends of

the Library and that of the city-wide Friends of the San Diego Public Library. Ms Sullivan was co-founder and President of Citizens in Action for Local Libraries, the organization responsible for spearheading the City's library ordinance.

Ms. Sullivan's other civic, charitable, and community service activities include service on the Board of Directors of Girl Scouts, San Diego-Imperial Council. In 2007, Ms. Sullivan successfully chaired the organization's \$5.5 million capital campaign. She is also founding member of the Hidden Valley House Auxiliary, a women's shelter of the Center for Community Solutions. After having served as President of the National Charity League, San Dieguito Chapter, Ms. Sullivan is currently involved as the District Membership Vice President for the organization.

Ms. Sullivan has been honored by the San Diego Public Library as Volunteer of the Year and by the community of Scripps Ranch as their Citizen of the Year. In addition, Girl Scouts, San Diego-Imperial Council conferred upon Ms. Sullivan their highest honor, the Puento de Oro Annual Award. In 2004, the Association of Fundraising Professionals honored Ms. Sullivan as San Diego's Organizational Volunteer of the Year. She resides in the Scripps Ranch community.

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